

WILSON SENDS A SECOND NOTE TO GERMANY

LANSING IS MUM AS A CLAM NOW

Acting under the Recent Policy of Silence Adopted by the President and Himself.

NOTE IS NOT PRESENTED German Government Gives Its Reason for Withholding the Second Wilson Note.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—It has been learned that a few days ago President Wilson sent a second note explanatory of the first to the Central powers and the Entente nations. This note has not been presented.

The reason for the withholding of the second note is said to be that the German reply received in the interim showed that the German government had not been influenced by the "misconception regarding the purpose and aims of President Wilson's step, which an unfriendly press in both camps attributed thereto."

SECRETARY LANSING REFUSES TO COMMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing refused to comment in any way on the report that a second explanatory note had been sent to correct misrepresentation of the president's note calling for peace terms. He indicated that under the recent policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and himself in the peace negotiations he would make no statement either affirming or denying such reports.

Other officials, however, said they were sure no second note had been sent and that the Berlin despatches referred to the two statements by Secretary Lansing issued the day after the despatch of the original note.

AMBASSADOR SHARP IS TO RECEIVE THE REPLY

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer to the German note of December 12 will be handed to Ambassador Sharp Saturday night, says the Petit Parisien, and published Sunday. It is long and sets forth peace, removes the responsibility of the Central powers for the war. It insists on legitimate reparation and restitutions demanded by the Entente Allies as outlined by Premier Lloyd-George and also says that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance any basis for parleys.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as powers respectful of signatures and must offer guarantees.

EMBARGO

On Freight with Some Exceptions is Announced by Railroad.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—Announcement was made Saturday of an embargo by the Louisville and Nashville railroad, effective Sunday, on all classes of freight excepting live stock, perishables and coal for public utility plants, moving through Louisville and Cincinnati, destined for points in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and all Atlantic seaboard states. It is said the purpose of this action is to furnish relief for congestion at the terminals named.

Miss Magdalene Clark, of Pittsburgh, is a guest of Miss Edna Keough, of Webster avenue.

CLYDE LAW MAKES VERY FINE RECORD

As an Insurance Agent and He Will Attend Big Meeting of Agents in New York.

Clyde O. Law, of the firm of Law and Roberts, district agents for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, will leave on No. 12 this evening for New York City to attend a meeting of the Northwestern agents for the New England and eastern Atlantic states to be held at the Hotel McAlpin, in that city, January 2 and 3. This meeting is an annual event and is largely attended by Northwestern agents. The firm here reports a good year, having paid for more than \$625,000 insurance for 1916.

Clyde O. Law, one of Clarksburg's big producers, has written and paid for more than \$300,000 insurance for 1916. For two years he has been the leading Northwestern producer in the state. In 1914, Mr. Law's first year in Clarksburg, he paid for \$150,000. Last year he personally wrote \$200,000. In addition to this the firm of Law and Roberts has given much time to agency development.

George Paul Roberts of the firm has been doing special work at Columbia and New York Universities in New York City on the subject of life insurance. An agency organization he entered these universities for the

SHIP FIRED ON

And Stopped by a German Submarine According to a Report Made by Crew.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The British freight steamship Chicago City was fired on and stopped by a German submarine on December 23 when about 120 miles off Fastnet, according to a report of the crew on its arrival here Saturday.

The Chicago City was saved from being sunk by the timely appearance of a British destroyer attracted by the firing. Two shots were fired by the submarine, the men said. Captain Crinks stopped the vessel and the men were getting into the lifeboats when the destroyer hove into sight.

MANY CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL

NO STRIKE

Of Trainmen Monday is Probable According to Two of the Leaders.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Warren S. Stone and W. G. Lee, heads of the railway engineers and railway trainmen brotherhoods respectively, arrived here today following the rejection of the demand by the managers' committee that the Adamson law be placed in effect January 1.

"It is highly improbable that there will be a strike Monday," Stone said. He declared reports that a circular letter had been sent to railway employees, asking for a renewal of the authority to call a general strike, were untrue. "No circular has yet been prepared," he said.

Stone said no further statement would be forthcoming today and that there would be no meeting of the brotherhood heads.

It was pointed out that a general strike Monday was an impossibility because of the fact that the railroad unions first would have to be notified and they would have to notify their sub-chairmen. "There will be no immediate strike," said Lee.

ROUND ROBIN

Writer Gets Month in Prison and is Fined Part of Pay for Three Months.

EL PASO, Dec. 30.—Private Richard Dixon, of the Eighth Ohio infantry, was sentenced to confinement in his camp for one month and to forfeit two-thirds of his pay for three months by the summary court of the Eleventh provincial division late Friday. Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., announced today.

Private Dixon was charged with having drafted the "Round Robin" which was circulated in the Ohio regiment's camp and was signed by 400 members of this regiment protesting against conditions in the camp.

VESSELS ARE SUNK.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 30.—The steamships Nero and Nystrand and the bark Cormo, all flying the Norwegian flag, have been sunk. The crews have been landed.

WILSON'S PROGRAM

As to Railroad Legislation is Not to Be Altered by Failure of the Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Chairman Newlands of the Senate interstate commerce committee said Saturday the failure of railroad brotherhood officials and the railroad managers to reach an agreement regarding an eight-hour schedule pending determination of the constitutionality of the Adamson law would not alter his plans for consideration of railroad legislation urged by President Wilson in his last message to Congress.

"We will proceed as usual, but with expedition," said Senator Newlands. "I do not know just who will appear before the committee Tuesday, but representatives of the brotherhoods, the railroad companies and the general public have been invited and I hope that the proposed legislation can be given early consideration in Congress."

NARROW ESCAPE.

When his automobile was struck by a street car in Los Angeles, Calif., Hayward R. Law, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Law of this city, was thrown forty-five feet, but luckily escaped serious injuries. The automobile was demolished. Mr. Law is traveling salesman for a large match concern. News of the accident was received by Mrs. Law Friday.

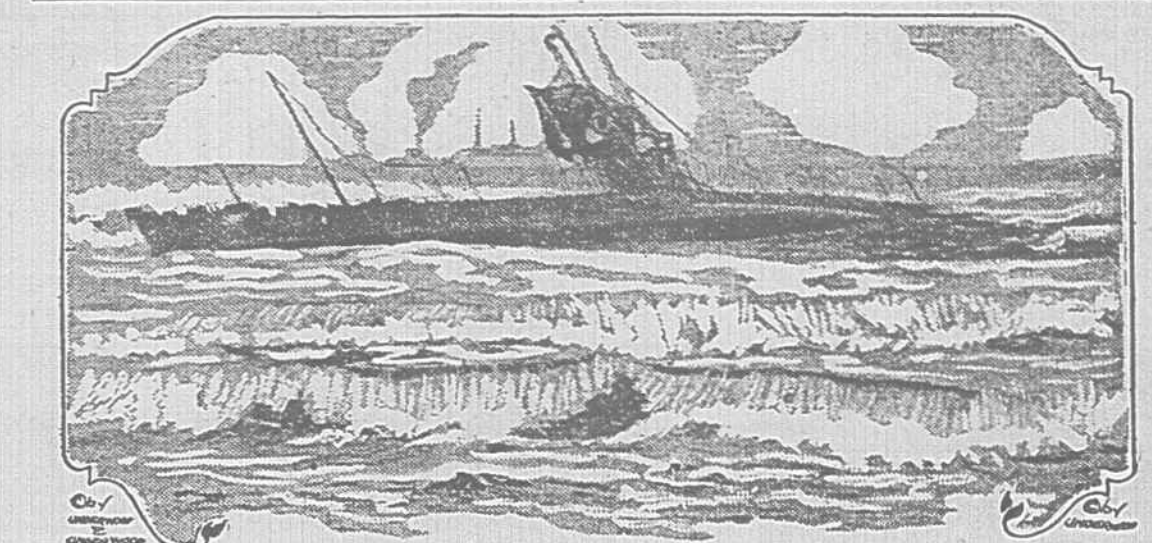
GUNNING ACCIDENTS.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—One hundred and two gunning accidents occurred in Pennsylvania during the 1916 hunting season, according to reports made public by the state game commission Saturday. Thirty of these were fatal. In the 1915 season there were 139 accidents, of which twenty-nine were fatal.

STRAUSS IS DEAD.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—A Vienna despatch announces the death of Edward Strauss, the composer of dance music.

CREW OF U. S. SUBMARINE NEAR DEATH AS VESSEL HITS SHOAL



The U. S. submarine H-3 lying on a shoal near Eureka, California.

The crew of the United States submarine H-3 had a narrow escape from death when the undersea boat recently ran on a shoal near Eureka, Cal. Chlorine gas was generated in the interior of the submarine and the men escaped only by huddling in turns together in the conning tower.

WITHDRAWAL

Of American Troops Voluntarily is Suggested by a Lawyer for Mexicans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Counselor Polk of the state department, and Charles A. Douglas, local attorney for the Carranza government, conferred today over the Mexican situation. Information concerning the conference was withheld by department officials.

It was understood, however, that a suggestion was presented that the voluntary withdrawal of American troops from Mexico without awaiting any agreement in this regard by the Mexican-American joint commission would go far toward clarifying the situation.

Mr. Douglas believes the only solution of the problem is to be found by this government withdrawing upon its own responsibility the Pershing forces and agreeing to a further discussion of other Mexican difficulties by the commissioners.

POPE'S IDEA

As to Releasing Prisoners for Internment is to Be Carried Out by the Germans.

BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 30.—Germany has decided to release for internment in Switzerland 100 French prisoners of war, fathers of three or more children and inmates of German prison camps for eighteen months.

This step taken in response to a suggestion by Pope Benedict XVI. extended, it is stated, should France display a disposition to reciprocate.

MINE FOREMAN

Happy as Story Visits His Home and Leaves a Fine Baby Girl.

William A. Middlebrook, foreman of the Hutchinson Coal Company's new mine at Mt. Clare is not worrying about the car shortage or the price of coal today as the story visited his home at an early hour Saturday morning and left a fine baby girl. His friends think he will be able to resume his duties at the mine Monday.

SHARP ADVANCE

Of December Option in Wheat in the Year-End Evening Up on the Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Year-end evening up of trades in wheat caused an unusually sharp advance today of the December option. Shorts who had waited until the last hour of the day to cover, made up for contracts for the current month paid dearly for the privilege.

In some cases bidders found it necessary to offer seven cents a bushel more than Friday's final quotation and thus lifted the December price to \$1.63. The volume of such transactions, however, was not large.

BASKETBALL GAME TONIGHT.

The Washington Irving high school basketball team will play the Mountville high school team on the Washington Irving high school gymnasium floor at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night. Coach Arnett's boys are hoping for a victory as the Fairmont team defeated the Mountville boys by a score of 85 to 3 in a game played at Fairmont Friday night. A new section of seats has been built in the gymnasium and many more spectators can be accommodated.

DOES NOT KNOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Major General Funston commanding the American forces on the Mexican border advised the war department Saturday that he had been unable to substantiate rumors that a Felix Diaz filibustering party had crossed into Mexico from the United States.

FRENCH TROOPS FAIL IN ATTACKS

BAXTER IN JAIL

He is Brought Here from Wheeling, Where Officials Nabbed Him.

Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe has returned from Wheeling with Albert Baxter, who is wanted here under charges of assaulting and beating a man at Meadowbrook and also of resisting and assaulting Constable Reuben J. Bartlett, when the latter attempted to arrest him there recently. The prisoner was placed in the county jail to await a hearing before a magistrate.

Baxter was arrested by Ohio county deputy sheriffs as he was returning from work at the Richmond coal mine at the instance of Sheriff Ross F. Stout, of this city, who had been advised of the man's whereabouts.

On the Verdun Front in Efforts to Retake Position from the German Forces.

TEUTONS PUSHING AHEAD

Russians and Roumanians Are Being Driven Back along Whole Danube Front.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Several attacks were made by the French Friday on the Verdun front. All efforts to retake positions in this sector were repulsed, says Saturday's official statement.

In the course of heavy fighting on the Transylvanian front Friday, Teutonic troops entered entrenched Russo-Roumanian positions and pushed further ahead notwithstanding strong counter attacks, the report says. In Roumania the Russians and Roumanians are being driven back along the whole front between the mountains and the Danube.

THOMPSON'S TRIAL CONTINUED TO MAY

As His Services Are Indispensable at This Time in Sale of Coal Lands.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—Trial of the charges against J. V. Thompson, the Uniontown capitalist, in connection with the failure of the First National Bank of Uniontown, was Saturday continued in the federal district court here from January 8 to the May term.

The petition was filed by the receivers for the bank, and by A. P. Austin, A. F. Cooper and G. R. Schugham, of the creditors' protective committee. The petition declared that the important and complicated nature of the business connected to their cases required the constant and undivided attention and assistance of Mr. Thompson and that his services are indispensable at this time.

The petition recited the recent sale of 15,000 acres of the Thompson coal holdings as a part of the business in hand, and continued:

"Other matters of equal and greater importance are pending and progressing in all of which the committee is compelled to rely for constant consultation upon Mr. Thompson, and make constant demand upon his time. We take this action without any suggestion from Mr. Thompson, being moved to do so by the conviction that his time and assistance are invaluable."

WRECKAGE

Of What is Believed to Be the Maryland Passed through by a Cutter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Coast guard headquarters here received a wireless message today from the cutter Acushnet that it had passed through wreckage covering the sea for about five miles well east of Nantucket lighthouse in the vicinity where wireless calls for help were sent out Christmas night from the steamer Maryland.

PRICES

Of Subscription Are Announced by Several of the National Magazines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary to printing and art work, several magazines of national circulation announced Saturday increases in the price of subscription. Other periodicals have already given notice of similar jumps in prices. Several of the small magazines in New York have suspended publication, and others are planning to merge with publications controlled by the same interests.

The rise in subscription prices announced Saturday range from twenty to thirty-three and one third per cent.

WANT TO MERGE

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—The heads of five anti-liquor organizations conferred here today relative to a proposition to merge all prohibition bodies in the United States into one national party, whose principal object would be to carry on the fight for nationwide prohibition.

RATES ARE UPHELD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Increased freight rates averaging thirteen cents a ton on bituminous and canal coal from western Pennsylvania to Rochester and New York and New England points Saturday were found justified by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

COURT WILL ORGANIZE.

The new county court will meet Tuesday morning to organize for the year. The court will consist of John J. Sturm, Isaac L. Davidson and Dorsey W. Cork, all Republicans. Mr. Sturm will be elected president of the court, succeeding Lee Maxwell, who retires from the court at the end of the present year.

COUTLER PURPOSES TO LIMIT PEOPLE'S APPETITE.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30.—State Senator C. O. Coutler, of the Seventh district, here from Hinton, said he would introduce in the 1917 legislature a prohibition measure that will legalize some of the practices now constituting violations of the prohibitory laws and to bring revenue to the state. He maintains that his bill will put an end to illegal retailing throughout the state by making it possible for any legal voter to have shipped to his address certain quantities of alcoholic liquors.

The Coaltier bill provides that county clerks become ex-officio deputy commissioners of prohibition and as such have the right to issue permits allowing holders to have shipped to their address not more than two quarts of whiskey, four quarts of wine or two dozen pints of beer not often than once a month.

TEUTONIC INVADERS CAPTURE A VILLAGE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—Strong Teuton forces assisted by heavy and light artillery Friday continued their attacks on the Russo-Roumanian positions on the battlefield northwest of Rimnik-Sarat in central Roumania, says the official statement issued today by the Russian war office. The invaders captured the village of Borodochi on the river Rimnik, and pressed back the Russian detachments near Zalestai.

DRASTIC PROPOSAL

In Connection with Building of Ships is Presented by Secretary of Navy Daniels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A drastic proposal designed to furnish authority under which private contractors or shipbuilders would be compelled to give preference to navy work has been submitted by Secretary Daniels to the House naval committee for inclusion in the 1918 naval appropriation bill. Consideration of which will resume next week (providing that where contracts or orders have been placed "for ships or munitions or material entering into the construction of ships, or the making of munitions," the secretary in his discretion may require the fulfillment of the work ahead of any undertaking for private enterprise.

Should the contractor fail to comply through neglect, delay or refusal the secretary would be authorized to take over the plant and complete the work, charging the contractor with all costs in excess of the stipulated contract price.

ROSAMOND WATSON DEAD.

Rosamond Watson, a middle-aged man of Glenwood, died Friday night in a local hospital following a short illness of pneumonia. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Tomo Rotano and Giovanni Congi, Berlin Humphrey and Della Gou, Theodore Inquinta and Jeanne Thibault and Jesse Jarrett and Pearl E. Bush.

INFORMAL CONFERENCES.

W. D. Zinn, county agent, held informal conferences with farmers in the court house Saturday afternoon. There was no formal address.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN ANSWERS FINAL TAPS

David W. Timberlake Dies Suddenly at Home of Son on Oak Street.

David William Timberlake, aged 83 years, a Confederate veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly Friday night at the home of his son, Dr. A. R. Timberlake, on Oak street. Mr. Timberlake had been complaining several days but was not feeling any worse when he went to bed Friday night. Saturday morning when his son went into his room at 7:30 o'clock he found him dead. Heart trouble caused his death.

Mr. Timberlake was born in Frederick county, Va., in January, 1833. He resided in Virginia until the outbreak of the war, when he joined the "Stonewall" brigade of the Second Virginia regiment. While in this regiment he took part in many important engagements of the war. At the battle of Mine Run he was wounded. After recovering from his wounds he was shipped to the north and in the infantry he joined Company B, Twelfth Virginia cavalry, where he remained until the close of the war.

Following the war he came to this city and opened a store on Main street, which he successfully operated for five years when he moved to Martinsburg where he engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years. Tiring of the mercantile business, he purchased a large farm in Jefferson county and was a prosperous farmer for thirty years, when he was forced to retire on account of his age. Since that time he resided with his sons and daughters. For the last twelve years he spent the winter months at the home of his son, Dr. A. R. Timberlake, here. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and a staunch Christian gentleman.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Dr. A. R. Timberlake, of this city, and E. B. Timberlake, of Summit Point, sons; Joseph Timberlake, of Salisbury, Va., and James Timberlake, of Martinsburg, of New York, brothers; and Miss Lucien Timberlake, of Staunton, Va., and Mrs. Edward Hembower, of Wadesville, Va., sisters.

The body was prepared for burial and will be taken to Winchester, Va., Saturday night and funeral services and burial will be held there. Friends wishing to see Mr. Timberlake may do so by calling at the Timberlake home on Oak street before 12:30 o'clock tonight when the casket will be closed.